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Questions and Answers - Dated March 3, 2012

Note: Some questions have been edited for clarity.

Question 1: Paragraph 4.2.8.5.1.2 states that “if the proposal includes any partnering arrangements, then letters of intent shall be included.” The letters of intent will be approximately one page long. Including the letters in the intrinsic merit section will consume a significant portion of the allowed page count without adding commensurate value to the proposal. Will the government allow letters of intent to be included in a separate allocation of pages in the same manner as Appendix E?

Answer 1: Letters of Intent shall be submitted as a separate attachment as needed. The NRA has been revised to reflect this change. Reference 4.2.8.11.2.

Question 2: Would you please provide guidance on the issue of ‘cost-sharing’ as it pertains to academic institutions or point me to the appropriate passage within the solicitation/guidebook?

Answer 2: Cost sharing is not a requirement for an award made against this NRA. However, reference the Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook, 1260.123 Cost sharing or matching for general guidance.